

ALTER TEXT EDITOR POCKET REFERENCE

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Notational Conventions

UPPERCASE	Characters shown in uppercase must be entered in the order shown.
<i>Italic</i>	Indicates variable information.
[]	Indicates optional arguments or parameters.
{ }	Indicates that one and only one of the enclosed entries must be selected.
	Indicates a choice of options.
↑	Indicates the CNTL key.

ALTER Invocation Command

RUN ALTER [*input file* [TO *output file*]] [, *other input file* [TO *other output file*]] [{NOMACRO, NOMR} | {MACRO, MR} [(*macro file*)]]

Function Keys

The following commands are executed by pressing the specifically labeled keys on the Series III keyboard (indicated by angle brackets) or by typing the indicated Control commands.

<CNTL> A	Deletes all characters to the right of the cursor.
<CNTL> C	Aborts command in progress and returns editor to main command level.
<CNTL> F	Deletes the character under the cursor.
<CNTL> X	Deletes all characters to the left of the cursor.
<CNTL> Z	Deletes the entire line on which the cursor is positioned.
<ESC>	Terminates commands and returns editor to main command level.
<RETURN>	Moves to start of next line.
<RUBOUT>	Deletes character to left of cursor.
<TAB>	Rotates the menu prompt line to display the next line of commands.

To move cursor: Use keys labeled with directional arrows on keyboard. Use HOME key in conjunction with arrow keys for fast cursor movement.

ALTER Editing Commands

The following is an alphabetic list of the ALTER editing commands and their format and description.

Command	Format	Function
AGAIN	A	Repeats the last command.
BLOCK	B	Delimits section of text that can then be deleted, moved, or copied.
Buffer	B	Copies text to the block buffer.
Delete	D	Moves text to the block buffer.
Find	F	Searches forward from current cursor position for string. Moves cursor if found.
-find	-	Searches backward from current cursor position for string. Moves cursor if found.
Jump	J	Moves cursor to specified location in text.
Put	P	Copies text to named output file.
CHAR DELETE	↑F	Deletes the character under the cursor.
CLEAR LINE	↑Z	Deletes the entire line on which the cursor is positioned.
DELETE	D	Delimits section of text that can then be deleted, moved, or copied. (Same as BLOCK command.)

DELETE LEFT	↑X	Deletes all characters to the left of the cursor.
DELETE RIGHT	↑A	Deletes all characters to the right of the cursor.
FIND	F	Searches forward from current cursor position for string. Moves cursor if found.
-FIND	-	Searches backward from current cursor position for string. Moves cursor if found.
GET	G	Retrieves contents of block buffer or external file; places contents at current cursor position.
HEX	H	
Input	I	Inserts ASCII equivalent of hexadecimal values in text.
Output	O	Displays hexadecimal values of ASCII characters in message line.
INSERT	I	Begins INSERT mode: inserts text at cursor.
JUMP	J	Moves cursor to a specified location in text.
Start	S	Moves cursor to the start of the file.
End	E	Moves cursor to the end of the file.
Line	L	Moves cursor to the start of the designated line.

Position	P	Moves cursor to the designated column.
A tag	A	Moves cursor to A tag.
B tag	B	Moves cursor to B tag.
C tag	C	Moves cursor to C tag.
D tag	D	Moves cursor to D tag.
OTHER	O	Switches between primary and secondary buffers.
QUIT	Q	Ends editing session.
Abort	A	Returns to operating system; all changes are lost.
Exit	E	Returns to operating system; the file is updated.
Init	I	Restarts editing session; all changes are lost; initializes new file without returning to operating system.
Update	U	Updates file without returning to operating system.
Write	W	Writes file to a new named output file without returning to operating system.
REPLACE	R	Searches for target string; replaces it with new string if found.
?REPLACE	?	Queries user on each find before replacing string.
SET	S	Sets tabs, viewrow, and left column. Controls several yes/no options in editor's environment. (Note: The word default, which appears

in parenthesis in the following descriptions, indicates the initial state of an option.)

Autocr	A	While in INSERT mode, inserts carriage return in text automatically when line is full.
BAK file	B	Creates backup file of file you are currently editing before QUIT Update or QUIT Exit command replaces it. (Default)
Case	C	Tells editor to ignore case of strings during search and replace commands. (Default)
Indent	I	Indents text automatically.
Notab	N	Inserts blanks in place of tabs.
Showfind	S	Lists lines of multiple finds.
Tabs	T	Sets tabs.
Leftcol	L	Sets left column.
Viewrow	V	Sets row to which cursor will move on VIEW command.
TAG	T	Specifies locations within a file.
UNDO	↑U	Restores characters deleted by last CLEAR LINE, DELETE LEFT, or DELETE RIGHT command at current cursor position.
VIEW	V	Rewrites screen leaving cursor in viewrow (5 is default).

XCHANGE	X	Enters XCHANGE mode; replaces characters on a one-for-one basis.
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ALTER Macro Commands

The following is an alphabetic list of the ALTER macro commands and their format and description.

EXECUTE	E	Executes specified macro.
MACRO	M	Creates macros, retrieves them from memory, and inserts them in text.
Create	C	Creates macros interactively by remembering sequence of keystrokes.
Get	G	Retrieves macros from external file.
Insert	I	Inserts subsequent input in text in macro form.
List	L	Lists names of all currently defined macros in message line.
Save	S	Saves macros in form suitable for macro files.



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